We want Brookstone students to be avid, life-long lovers of reading, and we work hard during the school year to build a culture that celebrates reading, being read to, and talking about books. We could not do this without your support of reading at home throughout the year, and summer is the perfect time to grow the joy, the magic, and the love of reading!

Reading together and talking about books builds a sense of community, a bond that supports all of the work we do together. This summer, we invite our parents to join our reading community with the Lower School's school-wide summer read. In *The Day You Begin*, the 2018-2019 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature and National Book Award winner, Jacqueline Woodson, has created a poignant, yet heartening book about finding courage to connect, even when you feel scared and alone. This is something each of us has experienced in our own lives.

"There are many reasons to feel different. Maybe it's how you look or talk, or where you're from; maybe it's what you eat, or something just as random. It's not easy to take those first steps into a place where nobody really knows you yet, but somehow you do it.

Jacqueline Woodson's lyrical prose and warm narration remind us that we all feel like outsiders sometimes - and how brave it is that we go forth anyway. And that sometimes, when we reach out and begin to share our stories, others will be happy to meet us halfway."--Amazon

Our 3rd Grade teachers have also chosen these children's favorites for your child to choose from this summer. Each child should read at least one of these titles in preparation for Book Club discussions in August. We hope these are just the beginning of your child’s summer reading, so we’ve also included links to more lists of great reads for your child to enjoy!

*Ivy and Bean (Book 1)* by Annie Barrows-- The moment they saw each other, Bean and Ivy knew they wouldn't be friends. But when Bean plays a joke on her sister, Nancy, and has to hide quick Ivy comes to the rescue, proving that sometimes the best of friends are people never meant to like each other.
The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling-- In this zany twist on the legend of King Midas and his golden touch, a boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate!

A-Z Mysteries: The Ninth Nugget by Ron Roy-- N is for Nugget . . . Howdy from Montana, pardners! Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose are spending a week at a dude ranch. When they pan for gold, Josh finds a huge nugget. But gold fever has struck, and soon the nugget is stolen. It’s up to the kids to round up the thief.

Amazing Animal Journeys by Laura March (National Geographic Kids)-- Every year like clockwork, animals both big and small are driven by a natural instinct to move, in order to survive. On both land and sea, they fight the odds and the forces of nature to breed, feed, or lead and carry on for future generations. This reader is an introduction to the treacherous trek of the zebra, walrus, and Christmas Island red crab to overcome obstacles that include hungry cheetahs, stinging yellow crazy ants, and even their fellow species to make the often impossible journey of their lives.

Additional Resources for Children’s Literature

This list of Award Winning books is by no means exhaustive or complete, but merely suggestions that children may find enjoyable and of the appropriate level.

Great Independent Reads for Rising 3rd Grade Students:

Caldecott Award Winners and Honor Books:
http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecotthonors/cald ecottmedal

Newbery Award Winners and Honor Books:
http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newb erymedal

Coretta Scott King Award Winners:

Georgia Children’s Book Award:

Nonfiction Book Lists:
http://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/kids-non-fiction

Online Books:
Epic Books for Kids-- https://www.getepic.com
http://mattbgomez.com/37-free-online-national-geographic-books/
http://igamemom.com/free-online-non-fiction-reading-for-kids/

Books for Girls:
http://www.randomhouse.com/rhpromos/greatbooks/booklist.html
http://school.familyeducation.com/reading/fiction/37735.html

Books for Boys:
http://www.pbs.org/parents/best-books-for-boys/picture-books-for-boys.html?scrlybrkr
https://www.pragmaticmom.com/2013/06/books-like-percy-jackson/

James Patterson’s Read, Kiddo, Read:  http://www.readkiddoread.com

Children’s Magazines:
COBBLESTONE
ODYSSEY
FACES
MUSE
CRICKET
RANGER RICK
BRAINSPACE
DIG INTO HISTORY
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
KID’S AMERICAN GIRL

Online Magazines for Kids:
https://www.sikids.com
http://teachingkidsnews.com/
http://www.timeforkids.com/
http://www.dogonews.com/
http://www.humanesociety.org/news/magazines/